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SUBJ: CEMA SUMMIT

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1. ASKED HOW PREPARATIONS WERE GOING FOR CEMA SUMMIT (REFTEL), LEADING RCP ECONOMIC EXPERT (STEFAN GHEORGHU ACADEMY) TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR SEPT 26 THAT A SINGLE DRAFT DOCUMENT IS NOW 70 PERCENT COMPLETE, BUT WITH MANY RESERVATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TAKEN. THE REMAINING 30 IS THE NUB, HOWEVER, CONTAINING THORNIEST ISSUES.

2. SOURCE CONTENDED THAT ROMANIANS HAD MADE AT LEAST SLIGHT HEADWAY IN GETTING SECONDARY SOVIET CONCESSIONS ON SOME POINTS, AND NOTABLY THE ADMISSION IN PRINCIPLE THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TOO SHOULD JOIN IN THE ELABORATION GLOBALLY
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ROMANIA HAD ANY HELP AT ALL FROM EE BRETHREN, SOURCE MENTIONED CUBANS AND POLES AS HAVING SUPPORTED GOR ON SOME CEMA ISSUES (CUBA ON "ECONOMIC ORDER") AND CLAIMED, AS ILLUSTRATION, THAT AT WORLD HISTORIANS CONGRESS AT SAN FRANCISCO IN AGUSUT, POLES WERE ONLY "SOCIALIST" DELEGATION TO SUPPORT BUCHAREST'S SUCCESSFUL BID FOR NEXT (1980) CONGRESS. POLES HAD CREPT SOMEWHAT OUT AHEAD OF SOVIETS IN CEMA IN VIEWING MORE POSITIVELY GOR'S URGING THAT CEMA COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN WORLD ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDERWAY. SOURCE SAID CEMA MEETING OF PARTY SECRETARIES WOULD BE NECESSARY AS NEXT STEP TO PREPARE EVENTUAL SUMMIT.

3. MEANWHILE, ROMANIAN PARTY PRESS CAMPAIGN SUPPORTING GOR'S CEMA INITIATIVES HAS RESUMED. ARTICLES BY C. MORGEY L AND C. MOISUC (SCINTEIA SEPTEMBER 21 AND 25), STRESSING CEMA'S NEED TO JOIN CONSTRUCTION OF "NEW ORDER" AND TO WORK OUT SPECIFIC PLAN TO "EQUALIZE" INTRA-CEMA DEVELOPMENT LEVELS, RECALL FLURRY PRECEDING JUNE CEMA MEETING. MOISUC AGAIN HITS "ERRORS" OF "CERTAIN THEORETICIANS", ALTHOUGH POLEMICS NOT YET AS BITING AS IN SPRING. SOURCE INDICATED PRESS BARRAGE WILL CONTINUE IN COMING WEEKS AS BACKUP TO ROMANIAN CEMA NEGOTIATORS.
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